NOTICE OF PROJECT UPDATE Detail Design for the Structural Rehabilitation of the Howe Island Ferry Terminals GWP 4070-17-00

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Further to the Notice of Study Commencement distributed in January 2024, D.M. Wills Associates Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation, to complete the Detail Design for the Structural Rehabilitation of the Howe Island Ferry Terminals. The rehabilitation work will generally include the replacement of the loading ramps and repairs to the existing timber cribs at each ferry terminal location (mainland and island).

The purpose of this Notice is to provide an update on the progress of the Project to date, and to advise of the expected construction period.

Since commencement, the Project has continued through detail design, and studies have been completed to support the necessary approval applications to permit construction. **Construction is expected to commence in January 2026.**Construction will occur over four separate 64-hour closures (10pm on day one to 2pm on day 4) in January and February 2026, as well as up to 10 potential 8-hour overnight closures (10pm to 6am). The small Ferry on the east side of Howe Island will run 24-hours a day during these closures.

PROCESS

This Project is following the approved process for a Group 'C' undertaking in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Through this process, an Environmental Screening Document has been prepared to document the existing conditions of the Study Area, potential impacts of the undertaking and recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures.

If you wish to obtain additional information or have questions about the project, please contact one of the individuals listed below.

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